

Long Range Planning Subcommittee Summary of Recommendations

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Long Range Planning	Houston no longer relies on growth by annexation. This change in Houston's growth model places greater emphasis on Houston's need to compete with other metropolitan areas for the attraction of new economic development opportunities. The success of economic growth is increasingly dependent on the quality of life offered by the city. The city needs a strategic plan which defines its current condition and identifies opportunities and threats for its future.			
Strategic Planning		Commit to the development of a strategic plan that addresses the symbiotic relationship between economic growth and quality of life. Such a plan should define the current condition and identify opportunities and threats for the future.	Committee developed draft revisions to Chapter 33 of the Code of Ordinances enabling comprehensive planning in Houston.	<p>Reconstitute a Committee that develops strategic goals for development in the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Housing ▪ Industry – suggest industry location and capacity to serve the industries that the City seeks to attract ▪ Encourage growth yet balance quality of life <p>Develop Housing Gap analysis (Demand Generator)</p>
Focus on Mobility		Mobility planning needs to be part of the economic growth strategy to promote growth of property values and sales tax bases while serving the needs of the community in housing and services.		Establish new, long-term focus on planning, agency coordination, scheduling, and identification and securing of funding opportunities through a transportation liaison person in PD – <u>PD to hire person</u>
Focus on Drainage		The City should have a dedicated focus on drainage and flooding with attention to the coordination of improvements with the Harris County Flood Control District and other agencies. This effort should include the identification and securing of leveraged funding opportunities and develop an understanding of the requirements of the mandated storm water quality programs and their impacts on the drainage system.		<p><u>Develop a policy with input from Planning Commission, PWE and Private Sector – topics to be included:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Sub regional detention</u> ▪ <u>Impervious Cover</u> ▪ <u>Neighborhood Drainage</u> ▪ Funding source

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Comprehensive GIS		Develop a geographic information system (GIS) that is coordinated with the data provided by others to identify quality of life and economic growth opportunities.	Mayor's Geo Spatial Committee (COH, HGAC, Harris County, etc.) are meeting to develop a seamless approach using common architecture. Recently hired City's GIS person to assist with this effort – start date 3/27	Utilize updated GIS to conduct gap analysis and identify and foster strategic growth. Recognize that the GIS is a marketing and informational tool
Capital Improvements Plan		The Capital Improvements Program is a manifestation of the strategic plan. Its projects should largely serve the strategic goals. The City should consider adopting a ten year view of the CIP with two components- <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ long range programmatic improvements (representing the bulk of the CIP) and▪ Shorter term responsiveness to citizen calls for action.	Revisions to Super Neighborhood Program require neighborhoods to identify short term CIP items.	Create 10 year CIP (<u>5 years funded</u>) based upon strategic <u>10 project</u> plan (long range programmatic improvements)